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1. The airfield west of Armavir (41° 8' E/45° 0' N), Krasnodar Oblast, (2) had a runway and four or five hangars on its northern edge.
2. The field was occupied by single-engine fighters, three to four twin-engine aircraft, and biplanes. Firing at ground targets and parachute jumps were practiced. (3).
3. AA guns emplaced at the field practiced firing at sleeve targets towed by aircraft. Searchlights were in operation at night.
4. The airfield, about 1 km southwest of Armavir, (2)

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had a large circular sodded landing field with an about 1,500-meter concrete runway. (See Annex) A rolled circular road, from 10 to 12 meters wide, leads around the field.

5. Almost all hangars and former quarters (solidly constructed two-story stone buildings) were destroyed.
6. There were the following buildings and installations:
  - a. A repair hangar north of the field with which it was connected by a temporary road
  - b. A two-story quartering building, slightly damaged
  - c. A reconstructed administration building
  - d. A flight control station
  - e. A weather and radio station with a DF installation
  - f. Earthbunkers with aircraft ammunition
  - g. A fuel dump with drums.
7. Nearly all the soldiers stationed at the field were quartered in town.
8. The field was very heavily occupied. The following aircraft were seen:
  - a. About 200 ground attack aircraft: In-line engine, three-bladed propeller, ellipsoidal wings, landing gear retracting outward, fuselage and engine with 11-mm armor plating.
  - b. Twenty-five to thirty twin-engine aircraft, allegedly of US make: In-line engines, nose wheel

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retracting rearward, mid-wing monoplane, landing gear retracting outward, section of fuselage forward of wings longer than that aft of wings, far projecting cockpit. (4)

c. Fifteen to twenty twin-engine aircraft with in-line engines, similar to the He-111. (4)

9. There was very heavy flying in all weather.

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Comment: This is the first postwar report on the Armavir airfield.

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This assumption is supported by [redacted] although the reported number of aircraft seems to be overrated. [redacted] apparently boasted when reporting on his bringing down two ground attack aircraft during the war. This is hardly true since aerial gunners on twin-engine fighters were trained aircraft radio operators. Aircraft mechanics were only employed with bomber units.

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Comment: The aircraft types mentioned in paras 85 and 86 cannot be determined from the insufficient description. It is, however, considered possible that they are Boston-IIIs and IL-4s assigned to a bomber regiment.

1 Annex: Armavir Airfield.

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